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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3555

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EYES ONLY FOR FSO--3 MARSHALL W. WILEY ON CONSULTATION AUGUST
30 - SEPTEMBER 3 WITH NEA/ARN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR IZ
SUBJECT: K.G. TALIA

1. AUGUST 27 TALIA MENTIONED SOME OF FOLLOWING TO ALLEN
KEISWETTER. I THEN TALKED WITH TALIA AUGUST 29. I PASS FOLLOWING
ALONG WITHOUT COMMENT BECAUSE, UNLIKE MOST OF HIS TIDBITS, AT
LEAST SOME OF THIS IS VERIFIABLE/FALSIFIABLE.

2. ALLEGEDLY TALIA'S LOCAL CONTACTS IN SECURITY TOLD HIM THAT
SECURITY OFFICERS IN IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON
(IRAQINT) HAVE REPORTED THAT YOU MADE A TRIP FROM ILLINOIS
TO WASHINGTON ABOUT TEN DAYS AFTER YOU LEFT BAGHDAD FOR FOUR
DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS.

3. GOI IS SUPPOSEDLY CONSIDERING PRETTY MUCH CLEAN SWEEP OF
CURRENT IRAQINT STAFF FOR CORRUPTION AND INCOMPETENCE. INFORMA-
TION ON YOUR ALLEGED WASHINGTON VISIT IS SUPPOSED TO BE FRUIT
OF RECENT GOI ORDER TO IRAQINT TO STOP TAKING BRIBES AND START
FILING MORE REPORTS ON TOPICS OF INTEREST HERE. SECURITY IS
ESPECIALLY SUSPICIOUS OF LAITH ARAIM, AND PARTICULARLY OF
HIS RECENT REQUEST FOR \$500,000 IN CASH WHICH WOULD BE USED
TO PERSUADE JIMMIE CARTER TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST ISRAEL AND IN
FAVOR OF ARABS. QNAIM IS SAID TO HAVE GUARANTEED RESULTS.

4. SAADOUN HAMMADI IS SAID TO HAVE A SENIOR, EXPERIENCED
IRAQI DIPLOMAT IN MIND TO TAKE OVER IRAQINT--FAIRLY SOON,

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